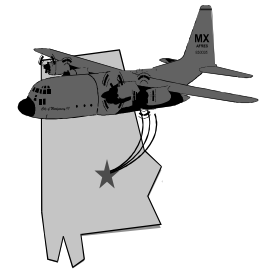


Southern Flyer



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Col. James Stewart takes 908th Airlift Wing helm

by Jeff Melvin
908th Airlift Wing public affairs

During unit training assemblies the balance of power between the state's two premier universities is normally about even; however, the scales tilted noticeably in Auburn's favor Feb. 9 and 10 when War Eagle alumni Cols. James N. Stewart and Thomas R. Brown swapped the reins of command of the 908th Airlift Wing.

Stewart accepted command of the state's only Air Force Reserve unit from Brown who has lead the 908th since June 1998. After laying out the welcome mat for Stewart, 908th members help Brown cap a distinguished 32-year career the following day with a standing room only retirement ceremony and

reception at the Maxwell AFB Officers Club.

"After the events of 9-11, the president had a message for the military, 'Be Ready.' You were then and you are now. I know I can always rely on the 908th," said 22nd Air Force commander Maj. Gen. James Bankers, who presided over the change of command ceremony. "This is due in no small part to Col. Tom Brown, a dedicated and committed officer who's done an absolutely superb job."

The general praised Colonel Stewart, too, commenting, "A commander is a leader that cares for his people, gets the job done and possesses two attributes: integrity and respect. Colonel Stewart possesses both. He'll take good care of the 908th."

Brown recapped some of the unit's accomplishment during his tenure. Among the accomplishments he mentioned were: the manning increase from 89 percent to a command-best 110 percent; a highly successful operational readiness inspection and numerous deployments in support of contingency operations around the globe. "You've done outstanding work everywhere you've been," Brown told the 908th members in the audience, concluding with a "Let's roll," followed by sustained applause.

"I'm proud to be referred to as a citizen soldier following in the footsteps of our founding fathers at Lexington and Concord," said Colonel Stewart. The 908th, he said, flourished under Colonel Brown. "There are many challenges ahead,

many more sacrifices that need to be made, more activations, some lives to be disrupted. ...The important thing we need to do is be prepared and we've always been prepared – that's something about citizen soldiers."

Saluting Colonel Brown for his service to his country, Stewart promised to take great care of "these citizen soldiers." "I'm proud but humbled to be given this opportunity and I pray I'm worthy of the responsibilities given me," he said.

This assignment is a homecoming for Stewart, his wife, Kristi, and their two children. Mrs. Stewart is a Montgomery native, the colonel grew up here and a host of family members from both sides live in the city and surrounding area.



Auburn alumni, from left, Col. Thomas R. Brown, class of '69; Col. John White, commander, 187th Fighter Wing (ANG) at Dannelly Field, class of '76, and Col. James N. Stewart, class of '77, pose in front of aircraft tail number 40, newly painted with the Auburn logo as nose art and named "War Eagle," in tribute to the 908th's Auburn connection. Over the coming months all nine of the 908th's aircraft will sport names and nose art.

Photo By Maj. Jerry Lobb

CSAF: AEF rotation policy remains unchanged

by **Gen. John P. Jumper**
Air Force chief of staff

Air Force policy for aerospace expeditionary force rotations remains unchanged. Most airmen will be vulnerable for a three-month rotation followed by a 12-month period before the next rotation.

However, the combination of multiple crisis operations and our ongoing steady state commitments has placed extraordinary stress on the expeditionary air force and our resources.

Taking into account everything we know about current and future requirements to support our nation's fight against terrorism, I have determined the best option is to rotate the majority of AEF 9 and 10 units as scheduled.

It appears that our current operations will continue for a long period of time; therefore, we need to rotate our expeditionary forces when and where feasible. We will rotate forces deployed for operations Enduring Freedom, Northern Watch and Southern Watch so those deployed the longest will

be allowed to rotate home first to the maximum extent possible.

In some stressed functional areas, requirements exceed the available AEF 1 and 2 forces. We are committed to finding solutions, which will relieve the stress on these career fields. We have the full support of the office of the secretary of defense in this effort.

However, at this time, we cannot rotate all of our people in these stressed career fields and fill all current requirements. We are forced to extend the rotation to 135 days, or in some cases, to 179 days, for this small number of individuals.

The number of people affected appears to be less than 10 percent of our deployed forces.

This is an extraordinary time for the Air Force and our country. The nation is grateful for the sacrifices our airmen continue to make in meeting our commitments to fight the war on terrorism and defend the American homeland. The secretary and I are proud of the job you are doing and we are personally committed to maintaining the AEF rotation schedule to the greatest extent possible. (AFNS)



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Thanks, think safety & security, happy to be home

by Col. James N. Stewart
908th Airlift Wing Commander

I'm impressed! Col. Brad Lynn, members of his committee, and all those involved with putting together the change of command ceremony did an outstanding job. Col. Tom Brown's retirement was also a first-class event. General Bankers had nothing but good words to say about the ceremony, and about his contacts with many of you as he toured our facilities during the February UTA. He was particularly impressed by the sharp, professional performance of our honor guard. What I appreciate most though is the warm welcome so many of you extended to me and my family. Many of you greeted us as if we were long lost friends returning home. It was wonderful! Thank you!

During the upcoming UTA we will be focusing on safety as a part of the Air Force's requirement to have a "Safety Down Day." The reason - there have been several aircraft accidents lately. To halt the trend, our leadership has asked that we stand down a day to focus on safety. Often most of the focus is on flying safety; however, I think we should look at the whole picture. You know, people get hurt in ground accidents too. Sunday morning we will have a commander's call focused on safety. I'm encouraging group and squadron commanders to spend time that day discussing safety issues in their specific areas as well. Our official down day will be March 4. Our Chief of Safety, Lt. Col. Richard Gilchrist, is planning a training session that day which will include several guest speakers. Everyone present for duty that day should plan on attending.

The last topic I'd like to discuss with all of you is operations and communications security (OPSEC and COMSEC).



Photo By Maj. Jerry Lobb

Col. James N. Stewart

Remember, we are at war. We need to deny the bad guys as much information as possible. So when discussing things with family, friends, and acquaintances don't discuss: classified information, specific details of ongoing operations, or specific force protection measures. The old saying during World War II is still applicable today, "Loose lips sink ships".

Finally, as I said last UTA, I'm happy to be back home. I'll be running to get up to speed for a while. However, I look forward to getting fully settled in and taking time to meet and talk with each of you very soon. Until then, keep up the good work that you've been doing for so many years. I'm proud to serve with all of you here in this great state of Alabama.

Ltr to employers & families

AN OPEN LETTER

TO: CIVILIAN EMPLOYERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF AIR FORCE RESERVISTS

As our nation recovers from the horrendous events of September 11th, thousands of citizen-airmen of Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) are being called to duty. To succeed in our mission, our mobilized reservists need the support of their fellow reservists, families and employers.

In the partial mobilization of our reserve forces, I'd like to recognize the unselfish patriotic support of our civilian employees and family members. Our country thanks you for the strains you endure, not only during a crisis such as we now face, but throughout the year, as your citizen-airmen train and participate in exercises and worldwide contingencies.

We cannot maintain our military commitments around the world without the skills and expertise that reside in the Reserve components. These Reserve forces number half of our nation's total military might.

Without your continued support, understanding and obvious love of country, it would be impossible to maintain this level of Reserve readiness, as members of Reserve components would have to choose between duty and employment. You are indeed a critical element of this nation's "Total Force".

As our country takes measures necessary to eliminate terrorism, I proudly salute every employer and family member of AFRC personnel. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Blessings to each of you, and God bless America!

Sincerely

James E. Sherrard III
JAMES E. SHERRARD III, Lt Gen, USAF
Commander

Montee named top intel officer

By Jeff Melvin
908th Airlift Wing public affairs

The 908th's chief of intelligence, Lt. Col. Mark Montee, was recently named Air Mobility Command's 2001 Air Reserve Component Field Grade Officer of the Year Level II for the intelligence career field. Montee was recognized for outstanding leadership, exemplary improvements to warfighting capabilities and outstanding performance in accomplishing an exceptionally demanding task or program.

His reaction – pride and surprise.

"It's a great, great honor. I'm very excited about it. I was, frankly very surprised," he said describing his reaction to the good news.

His surprise doesn't stem for lack of confidence in his abilities but from the caliber of the competition.

"It's a tough career field. It's been a very busy year. It was an honor to be nominated but to win this year when so much was going – I competed against some very good people," he said.

Last year was a very busy year for him. Among the many things on his plate was his move to the 908th in late January. His time here roughly coincides with the period for the award. During the course of the year he made such a favorable impression on his supervisor, 908th Operations Group Commander Col. Norman Bell, that he earned Bell's praise as a "crisis leader without parallel" and nomination for the top intel officer award.

Last year may have been his first in the 908th but Montee is a seasoned intel pro. Originally an Army armor officer, he's been an Army or Air Force intelligence officer going on 15 years.

The thing he likes most about intel, he said, is "being in the know, dealing with things where you're the first person involved, the first person in, the last person out."

If there's a crisis – intel's involved. "When 9-11 happened I was teaching down at the special



Lt. Col. Mark Montee

Photo by Jeff Melvin

operations school. I got called back. Four hours later, I was back at the base."

The events of 9-11 moved force protection concerns to the top of many military people's priority lists. Not so for Montee and his intel shop co-workers. Force protection was at the top of their list long before 9-11.

"Force protection is our no. 1 priority," Montee said. This involves analysis of threats at home and abroad and keeping wing people informed. That isn't limited to aircrews either. "I brief every person in this unit – we talk to all 1,200 members of this unit and everybody who leaves this base and goes anywhere outside this country. It's our job to let them know things that might be potential dangers."

The most important person to the 908th intel shop, he said, is "whoever is leaving tomorrow." They aren't here just for the aircrews.

Regarding his impressions of the 908th, no other unit comes close.

"This is the best unit I've been in. The unit has really taken care of me plus I've received a below-the-zone promotion and it's nice to close to home – I'm an Auburn grad."

Safety Day events set this month

Two events are scheduled to support the Air Force chief of staff-directed, Safety Down Day – a wing commander's call Sunday, March 3, and a Safety Down Day, March 4.

The safety focused commander's call will be held at the Squadron Officer's College auditorium, Bldg. 1403, and begins at 7 a.m. Group and squadron commanders are urged to spend time Sunday discussing safety issues in their respective areas as well.

Our official safety down day will be March 4 and features a mass safety briefing for everyone – military and civilian – present for duty. This safety down day will focus on both flying and ground operations and how to best ensure wing people fully incorporate risk management in every facet of our daily operations.

The briefing will be held in the Academic Instructor School Auditorium, Bldg. 803, and begins at 9:45 a.m. The session will include several guest speakers. Parking for POVs is limited so bus transportation will be provided starting around 9:10 a.m. Along with the safety briefing there will be no flying Monday.

Questions about the Safety Day should be directed to the 908th Safety Office at 953-7871/73 or DSN 493-7871/73.

Note chapel schedule change

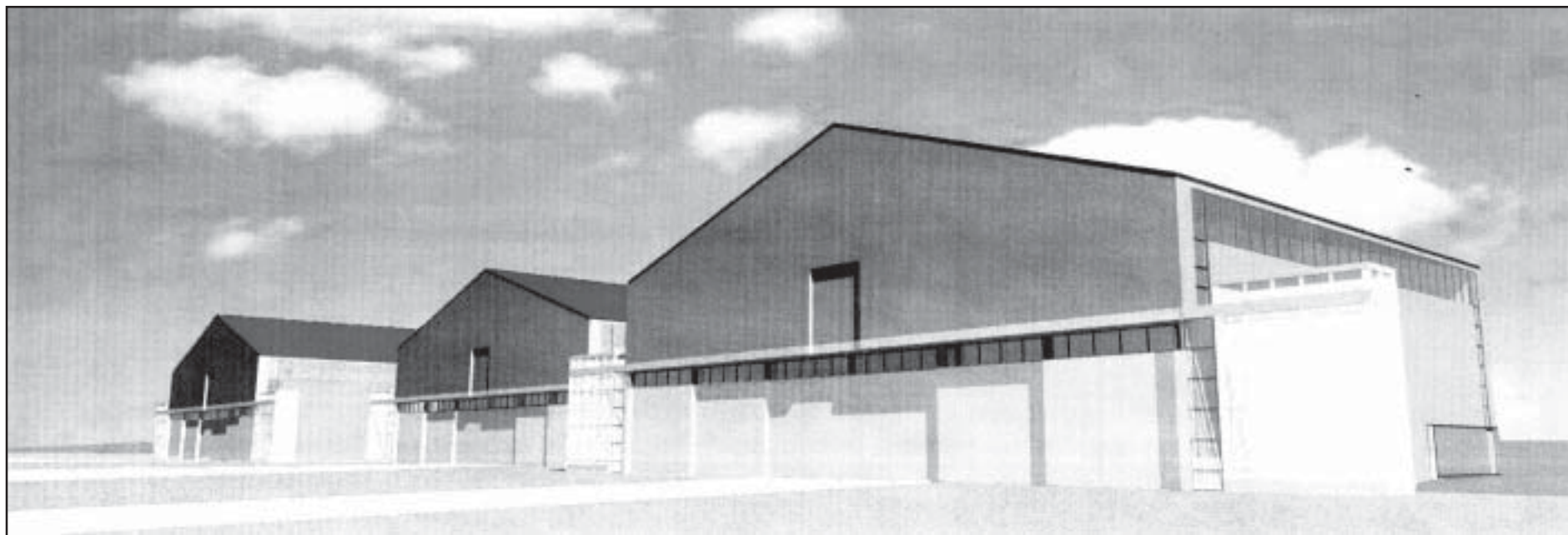
Those planning to attend the second worship service Sunday should note the time change. The time of the service has moved up 30 minutes to 11 a.m.; the location, Bldg. 1056, Room 101, is unchanged. The time and location for the 9 a.m. service remains the same. The change is a return to an earlier schedule and is hoped to halt a decline in attendance noted since the later start, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bob Anders said.

A Special Thanks!

908AW Honor Guard members Senior Airman Clyde Reliford, left, and Staff Sgt. Aspen Philips perform a flag folding ceremony during former 908AW Wing Commander Col. Tom Brown's retirement ceremony. The pair and fellow honor guards Tech. Sgt. Barbara Durry, Senior Airman Richard Bell and Staff Sgt. Ken Blocker, performed the color detail for three major events during the February UTA -- representing the wing well, receiving compliments from many guests and fellow reservists, and earning a special thanks from Command Chief Master Sgt. Linda Roberts.



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb



A preliminary drawing/illustration of the two new buildings funded in the FY 02 budget. The new fuel cell is to the left and the maintenance hangar is to the right.

2002 budget includes funding for 908th facilities

Senior Master Sgt. Donald H. Fenn, 908th CES operations superintendent

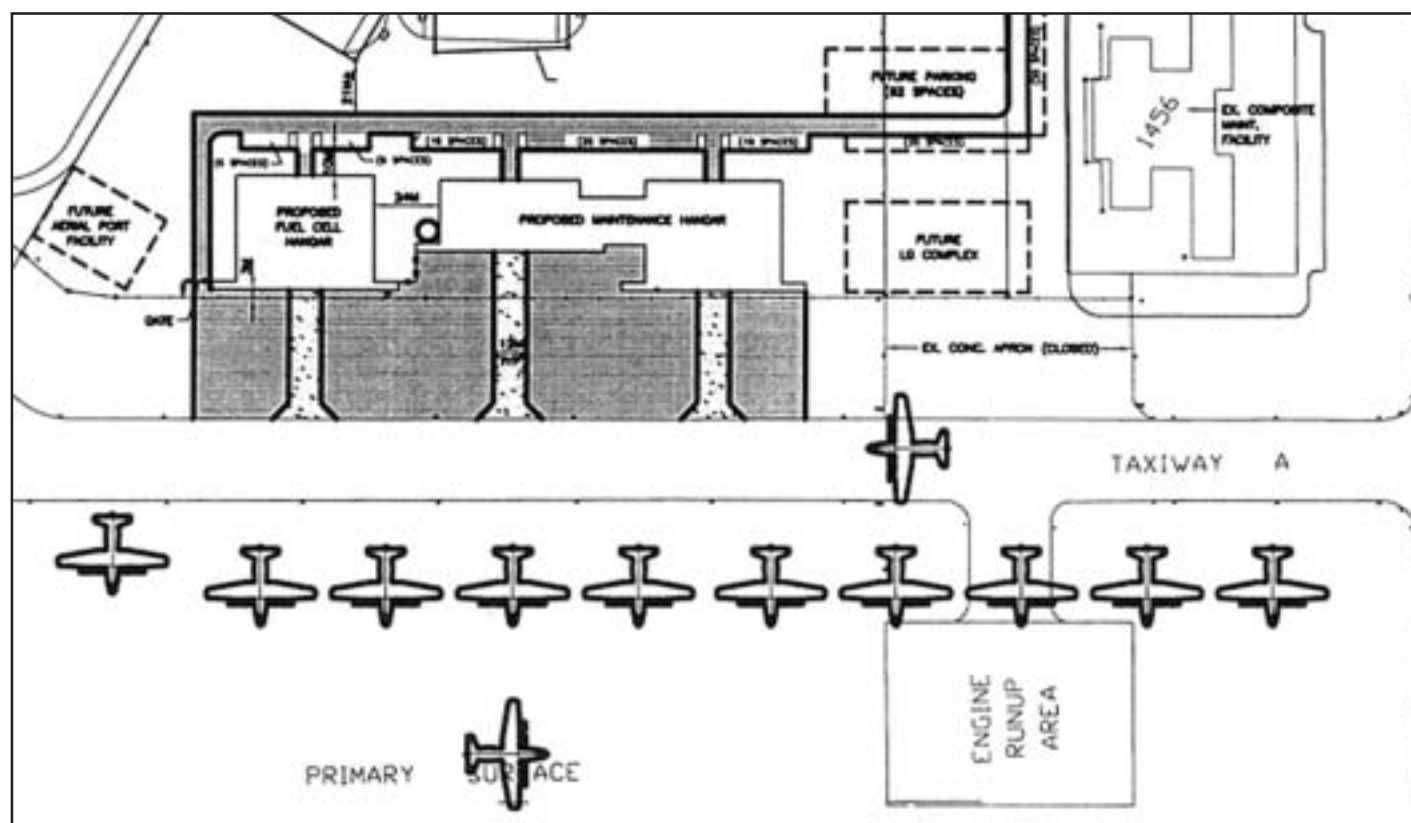
Sweet success! Thanks to the efforts of a number of folks here at the 908th, senior leaders at Air University, our congressional delegation and their staffers, two new hangar projects have been funded for the 908th Airlift Wing in the president's 2002 budget.

The 2002 Military Construction (MILCON) Plus-Up included \$16.5 million for a new fuel cell hangar to replace Building 1449 and a new isochronal maintenance hangar to replace Building 689.

These projects will enhance our aircraft maintenance operation in several ways. Most importantly the new facilities will incorporate the most up-to-date operating technology and the most current standards for worker safety and security. They will also place those maintenance operations at the site of the future-parking ramp for our C-130 fleet, significantly increasing overall efficiency.

Of benefit to our hosts here at Maxwell will be the much needed real estate they gain back as we vacate the old facilities, allowing for needed expansion of Air University's academic facilities.

Both hangars are currently in the design phase which is approximately 20 percent complete. A much accelerated design schedule will allow for construction contract awards in mid-August this year.



The diagram above shows what our maintenance complex and aircraft parking ramp will look like when all currently planned construction projects are completed.

Groundbreaking for both projects is anticipated by year's end with a typical construction schedule spanning 18 months. A deadline for moving in has not yet been established but will be set for sometime late in 2003.

Other facility projects in the MILCON Program include a new operations facility to replace the current 357th Squadron's Buildings 1050 and 1052.

Originally designed to house an A-37 squadron (with its crew of two) the current 357th area has inadequate

mission planning and briefing space for C-130's crews of five or six.

Construction will also free space to move Security Forces into the 908th campus from 1930s vintage buildings that are in the flood plain.

A Logistics/AGE/Flightline Maintenance Complex will replace Buildings 845 and 1016. Bldg. 845 is a 1936 vintage hangar that needs extensive structural repair and Bldg. 1016, referred to as "the flightline shack" has been scheduled for demolition for nearly 20 years.

An Aerial Port Training Facility

will replace Building 846 which is also a 1936 vintage hangar, is also in need of major structural repair and is so distant from the flightline that effective servicing of the flying mission is compromised.

Additionally, a new Aircraft Parking Ramp and Assault Runway are programmed. The Parking Ramp Project will move assigned C-130s out of the main runway clear zone and complete the evolution of 908th aircraft and direct aircraft support functions into the 21st century.

Wing teams with DoD marrow program to register donors

During any given day, more than 3,800 children, youth and adults from around the world - all victims of blood diseases, cancer and other life-threatening illnesses – turn to the National Marrow Donor Program’s over 4 million registered volunteer donors in search of a life saving marrow match. Sadly, some will never find that miracle match.

The 908th Airlift Wing will join with the C.W. Bill Young/DoD Marrow Donor Program, to try to improve the odds of those waiting to find a marrow donor. They hope to register hundreds of potential life-saving donors during their marrow donor registration drive. The drive is scheduled for March 2.

Bone marrow donations are needed for life-saving treatment for over 70 blood related diseases such as leukemia, aplastic anemia and Hodgkin’s lymphoma. 75 percent of the most closely matched donations come from volunteer donors outside the patient’s immediate family. Fatal blood diseases afflict people of all ethnic backgrounds, and people of the same or similar ethnic background are the most likely match.

It takes only a few minutes to join the marrow registry, program officials said. Volunteers fill out a consent form and donate a small test tube of blood that is sent to the DoD testing laboratory in Kensington, Md. for human leukocyte antigen (HLA) typing. Bone marrow is not taken at the drive – a common misconception. The drive is open to active duty personnel and their

immediate family members, DoD civilian personnel and drilling Guard or Reservists between the ages of 18 and 60 and in good health.

If a potential donor is matched with a patient needing bone marrow, the donor is given more blood tests and flown to Washington, D.C. for a physical examination. The donor returns home the next day and awaits a medical review by the transplant center’s doctors and the physicians of the DoD Marrow Donor Program. If all is well, the prospective military donor is flown once again to Washington, D.C. and admitted to Georgetown University Medical Center for the surgical procedure.

Under general anesthesia or an epidural, the marrow is drawn from the back of the hip, along the top of the pelvic bone (iliac crest) with a needle and syringe. There may be some soreness in the lower back for a few days after the procedure, but within a couple of weeks, depending on the individual donor, the donor is back to a regular routine.

Over the next few months federal law prohibits contact between the donor and the recipient. However, the donor will receive periodic updates on the condition of the recipient and, if both parties agree, after one year they can have direct contact.

There is no easier way to save a life. If you can help, then please register. For more information on the 908th Airlift Wing's donor registration drive, or to volunteer to help, contact 2nd Lt. David Lionberger at

(334) 953-7444. For more information on the C.W. Bill Young/DoD Marrow Donor Program, call 1-800-MARROW-3 or visit their

web site at www.dodmarrow.com (Courtesy the C.W. Bill Young/DoD Marrow Donor Program)



Photo by Senior Airman Kim Holden

25APS helps recruiters

25th Aerial Port Squadron's Master Sgt. Curtis Henderson, left, and Air Force recruiter Staff Sgt. Dennis Presley allow some youngsters to take a closer look at APS' new 2.5-ton, four-wheel drive, M-Series M1078 light medium tactical vehicle at a monster truck rally held at the Garrett Coliseum Jan. 12. Service recruiters were in full force at the event. Having heard about 25APS' new toy, Presley called and asked if the unit could show off the M1078 at the rally. At the kick off of the show a Marine recruiter used the truck's flatbed as a temporary stage to stand on as he sang the national anthem. The event afforded 25 APS an opportunity to show its 'toy' as well as showcase the Air Force Reserve before a receptive audience.

ROA Chapter 21 meets March 2

Members and prospective members of the Reserve Officers Association Chapter 21 are invited to attend a chapter meeting March 2 at 5 p.m at The Richey Leadership Center here at Maxwell.

“Come join us for supper and a cold beverage. This is a chance for all the officers to get away, socialize and eat some hamburgers and hot dogs. Price is only \$5 per person with new members with an application in hand eating for free,” said Chapter President Maj. Janey Worth.

Activities will include elections of chapter officers for the 2002-2003 term, updates from members who attended the ROA mid-winter

conference in Washington, D.C. in January and discussions with members who’ve attended development seminars.

Squadron ROA points of contact are needed for this and future membership issues, Worth said. Similarly, the organization needs a head count of those planning on attending the meeting.

“Please forward your by name RSVPs to 2nd Lt. David Lionberger in the command section or Lt. Col. Bill Forshey in the IG office. We need to know how many plan to attend to order food and beverages in advance, so please let us know before the March UTA,” Worth added.

Employer’s Day Nominations

The 908th Airlift Wing will host an Employers Day during Armed Forces Week May 13-20 (tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 17). This is a chance for your employer (both supervisor and president/chief executive officer) to see the wing mission firsthand as well as learn all about the Air Force Reserve.

Please nominate your boss today by filling out the form below and returning it to the Public Affairs office, bldg. 1056, room 210 or mail to: 908th AW/PA, 401 W. Maxwell Blvd., Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL. 36112, or FAX: (334) 953-2202. For more information, call the PA office at (334) 953-6804.

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Points determine reservists retirement, pay

By Lt. Col. Tom Deall
Chief of Air Reserve Personnel
Center Public Affairs

DENVER – Most reservists are familiar with points for service; however, misunderstanding sometimes arises on how points accumulate and earn value toward retirement eligibility.

Carole Packham, chief of the retirements eligibility division at Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center here, has almost 20 years experience in points management and retirement eligibility.

She said it's important for all reservists to understand the full value of points in their careers, and basic to all reserve careers is looking ahead to retirement.

To retire, a reservist must have 20 satisfactory years with the last eight years of qualifying service in Air Force Reserve Command's Unit Program, the Selected Reserve's Individual Mobilization Augmentee Program or the Individual Ready Reserve. These years must be good years in order to count toward a member's retirement eligibility.

"Satisfactory service is defined as 50 points per year to include 15 membership points," Packham said. "These points are centered around a person's (retention/retirement) year, which begins on one day of one year and ends on the preceding day of the

next year. If your R/R year starts July 1, 2002, it ends June 30, 2003."

The 15 membership points are assessed for membership in the Air Force Reserve, whether active or not. However, they only count toward a good year when they are included with the 35 participation points. These participation points can be earned through Inactive Duty for Training (IDT), Active Duty for Training (ADT), Extension Course Institute courses and all periods of active-duty service.

As for the last eight years in the Reserve, officers or enlisted members in the regular Air Force must, by law, convert their commissions or enlistments to the Reserve in order to earn a reserve retirement.

For example, if people serve on active duty with a regular enlistment or commission for 16 years, that time counts toward a retirement. However, if they convert to the Air Force Reserve at that point in their career, they will have to serve an additional eight years to satisfy the requirement for a Reserve Retirement.

Reservists earn one point per day for ADT and active-duty periods. They also earn two points per IDT day, better known as a drill day, which is broken down into two 4-hour periods. Members can also earn varying numbers of points for

ECI courses depending on the length of the course.

Packham emphasized reservists should keep records of the points they earn to avoid any surprises when they reach the 20-year point.

"Once a person reaches the 20-year point and qualified for retirement at age 60, a letter is generated by the ARPC retirement division," she said. "Though, by law, technicians have up to one year to produce and mail the letter, the ARPC standard is less than four months."

It is this letter, Packham noted, that confirms satisfactory completion of a 20-year career and, more importantly, the person's eligibility to retire.

Once retired, members are considered gray-area reservists. They remain in this status until reaching age 60 when they begin receiving retired pay.

By law, reservists must apply to transfer to the Retired Reserve by filing an Air Force Form 131. As directed on the 131, they must also submit a Defense Department Form 2656 to start their retired pay.

Packham said reservists misunderstanding the points accumulation process is the biggest problem she's encountered throughout her career.

"It's never easy to tell someone

that they do not have enough satisfactory service to retire and that they must perform additional service," she said. "To avoid this, we strongly recommend that reservists verify their eligibility by calling ARPC if they plan to retire but have yet to receive their 20-year letter."

Another area of concern involves the R/R date. It is critical, said Packham, that reservists satisfy their points requirements based on their R/R date since all reservists have different dates.

Reservists can use the IMA Participation Calculator & Scheduler to plan their participation, print out the schedule, share it with their supervisor to ensure they have a good year. This tool is available on the ARPC Web site by clicking on Points under the Requirements, Separations and Points icon.

Whether a unit reservist, an IMA or someone who drills for points only, keeping track of points is critical, especially when it comes to earning a good year toward retirement.

Reservists who have questions or concerns can reach their representative at ARPC by calling 1-800-525-0102, Ext. 71270 or 71272, or speaking directly with Packham at 1-800-525-0102, Ext. 71270. (AFRC News Service)

Don't delay — update DEERS information today

Did you know that you or a family member could lose medical benefits if you do not update your information on the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS)?

DEERS stores medical benefit data for military personnel, retirees, and eligible family members. Service members and retirees are the sponsors for their family members' medical benefits and are responsible for the accuracy of the DEERS information. Correct, up-to-date DEERS information is essential, since this data defines your medical benefits.

When an eligible family member receives a uniformed services identification and privilege card, or ID card, that information is deposited in DEERS. However, the sponsor must ensure the information is

correct. If you marry or re-marry, move, have a new baby, have an old baby that becomes an adult you must make sure that DEERS data reflects those changes, as well as any others. If you marry but neglect to register your spouse in DEERS, that person is not eligible for medical benefits until the sponsor updates the information. If you move but don't submit the current address of each family member to DEERS, your family may not receive essential messages regarding medical benefits, such as information about the mail-order pharmacy.

If you forget to register a newborn in DEERS, after 365 days the child is not eligible for medical benefits until you complete the registration in DEERS. In addition, newborns can lose eligibility for

TRICARE Prime medical coverage after 120 days. In this case, you must enroll the child in TRICARE Prime, as well as register the child in DEERS.

How to Update DEERS

Making changes to DEERS is easy to do. You can make changes through your military support office, the same office that assists you with your ID card.

And, if you are making changes, it's a good idea to take documentation with you, such as a marriage certificate or birth certificate.

You can locate your nearest military support office at RAPIDS Site Locator <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/> on the Web. To make address changes or to

verify data, log on to the Defense Manpower Data Center <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/swg/owa/webguard.login?appl=9012&rule=02>.

Changes could not be easier to make, so do not delay. Update DEERS today.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The sponsor or reservist is responsible for updating information or making changes to family member information when they occur. The changes are easy to make. Just take documentation of the changes to one of the military support office locations found on the RAPIDS web site or 908MSS Customer Service and they will make changes. For more information, call Customer Service at (334) 953-5522 or DSN 493-5522.

March UTA Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location/OPR</u>
Friday, March 1, 2002			
1600	1900	Commanders’ Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room/CC

Saturday, March 2, 2002

0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	0800	Newcomers’ Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0800	0830	Newcomers’ Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0830	TBD	Units At Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS
0800	0900	Lab/DNA Testing	Bldg. 760/Lab
0830	1130	NBC Defense Training (Refresher)	Bldg. 1062/Classroom/CEX
0820	1500	Physicals (Phase I & II)	Bldg. 760/1st Floor
0830	1030	Shots (IPPD/Flu only)	Bldg. 760/1st Floor
0830	1130	M-41 Mask Fit	Bldg. 849
0830	1030	Anthrax Briefing (30-minute Brief)	Bldg. 760/1st Floor
0830	1200	Newcomers’ MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/ Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD FM 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Rm
0900	1000	Security Managers Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
0930	1000	TDY/PCS OutProcessing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 112, DPMSA
1000	1100	Unit Education/Training Managers' (UETM) Mtg	Bldg. 1056/Cmd Chief's Conf Rm
1000	1100	Unit Deployment Managers' Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Wing Conf Rm
1000	1100	Unit Disaster Preparedness Reps Meeting	Bldg. 1055/CES Conf Rm
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course/Snack Bar
1230	TBD	Units At Range M-9 (Classroom Only, Firing Sun)	Firing Range/SFS
1230	TBD	Units At Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS
1230	1530	CDC Testing (Course 5 - SNCOA CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
1300	1630	NBC Defense Training (Refresher)	Bldg. 1062/Classroom/CEX
1330	1400	Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD FM 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Rm
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room

Sunday, March 3, 2002

0630	0700	Sign In	SOC Auditorium, Bldg. 1403
0700	0800	Wing Commander's Call	SOC Auditorium, Bldg. 1403
0715	0815	PERSCO Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
0730	0800	Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD FM 689)	Bldg. 760/1st Floor
0730	1130	NBC Defense Training (Initial)	Bldg. 1062/Classroom/CEX
0800	TBD	Units At Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS
0815	0900	3S0X1 Training (all units)	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
0830	TBD	Units At Range M-9 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS
0830	0930	NCO Induction Ceremony	SOC Auditorium, Bldg. 1403
0830	1130	Pallet Buildup Training (ASTS Only)	Bldg. 848, 25APS
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/HC
0900	1000	3A0X1 Training	Bldg. 848, 2nd Floor Classroom
1000	1100	Wing Flying Safety	Ops Briefing Room
1000	TBD	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Cmd Post/CAT Rm/CC
1000	1100	Career Advisors Meeting	Bldg. 846/DPMSC
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/HC
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
1230	TBD	Units At Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/ Cmd Chief's Office
1330	1400	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1400	1500	Chief's Group Meeting	Bldg. 1056/ Cmd Chief's Office
1600	TBD	Sign-Out	Orderly Rm

Support functions' schedule

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Dates & hours of operation</u>		<u>Location/Ext.</u>
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 1300-1700	Sun, 0900-1100	Bldg. 1056/35522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/35522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1630	Sun, 0800-1100	Bldg. 1056/35522
		Sat, 1300-1700	Bldg. 1056/35522
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100;	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/36722
		1200-1600	
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, Closed	Bldg. 711/35714
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/36020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/37505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/34283
Vehicle Registration	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/34283
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/34283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/35127
		1100-1300	
		1600-1830	
Billeting office/reservations	(lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)		Bldg. 1573/32401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/37981

Remaining FY 02 UTA Dates

April 6-7; May 4-5; June 8-9; July 13-14; Aug. 10-11; Sep. 7-8

March UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- * Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- * Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- * Input your unit's authorization code
- * Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- * The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- * The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the # sign. (PIN available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- * The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- * To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- * You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- * If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- * If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.
- * The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Tech. Sgt. Byron Godwin at:

Commercial: (334) 953-7332
DSN: 493-7332
E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil
Emergency cell: (334) 301-3476

Notice! Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the March UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Airlift Schedule

Aurora Airlift

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1530 local
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local
Depart Aurora at 1815 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2030 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Aurora at 1830 local
Depart Aurora at 1845 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2100 local

Huntsville/Dobbins Airlift

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1700 local
Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local
Depart Dobbins at 1915 local
Arrive Huntsville at 1845 local
Depart Huntsville at 1915 local
Arrive Maxwell at 1945 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Dobbins at 1745 local
Depart Dobbins at 1815 local
Arrive Huntsville at 1745 local
Depart Huntsville at 1815 local
Arrive Maxwell at 1845 local

Wing seeks new CCM

Command Chief Master Sgt. Linda Roberts is scheduled to retire in June. Applications are being sought for her successor. Eligibility: Candidate must be a CMSgt or SMSgt eligible for promotion to chief, possess a broad breadth of experience and significant supervisory/leadership experience, be within weight/body fat standards, and project an overall image that exceeds minimum standards. Candidates must also possess an ability to effectively communicate with subordinates, peers, and superiors.

Complete a letter of consideration and military resume and submit to Chief Master Sgt. Annie Cantrell, chief, personnel employment, before April 7. Interviews will be scheduled in May.

Wing honors new NCOs

An induction ceremony to honor wing members who've recently attained the rank of staff sergeant will be held March 3, 8:30 a.m., at Squadron Officer College auditorium, immediately following commander's call.

This is the first event of its type in more than two years, said Senior Master Sgt. Joyce Voyles, event organizer.

"The program will be ongoing and will occur as a bi-annual event. We invite all of the newest noncommissioned officers, their family and guests, commanders, first sergeants, flight chiefs and supervisors to share in this special occasion. Commander and management support is essential for the success of this program. Please plan to attend," Voyles said.

Recognize top performers

Nominations for top performers for the first quarter of 2002 are due before the end of the

Fin Flight

As water cannons arc over the aircraft, Carole Brown directs "War Eagle" piloted by her husband Col. Thomas R. Brown, as he parks the aircraft for the last time Feb. 9.



Photo By Maj. Jerry Lobb

March UTA, according to Command Chief Master Sgt. Linda Roberts.

Safety seat checks at BX

Child safety seat inspections will be conducted March 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the BX parking lot near the Max Credit Union ATM. Certified safety technicians will conduct the inspections and show parents how to correctly install the seats, said Senior Airman David McCaughtry, 908th Security Forces Squadron. McCaughtry, who's been activated and is working for the 42nd SFS, said the majority of seats he sees entering our gates are incorrectly installed.

Help fight birth defects

908AW members, families and friends can help fight against birth defects through their participation in the March of Dimes "WalkAmerica 2002" event April 27.

"It will be held in downtown Montgomery. More information such as as sign-up sheets, donation envelopes, prizes, and times will be distributed as it becomes available. In the meantime, our team is registered, so just contact Mary Stinson, Ext 3-6943, or me, Ext. 3-6673, and let one of us know if you want to become part of our winning team of walkers/sponsors," said Jasmine Hails, MPF information management.

Family Day — May 4

Plans are under way for the wing's annual Family Day set for May UTA. More details to follow in the April edition of the Southern Flyer.



Deployed but not forgotten

Master Sgt. Curtis (last name withheld) is one of more than fifty 908th Security Forces Squadron members called to active duty in support of Operation Noble Eagle. While many of the 908th members are working with the 42nd SFS here at Maxwell, others, like Sergeant Curtis, are deployed to various stateside locations. The wing's top leaders and its members appreciate the sacrifices of their deployed comrades and wish them well.

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